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*The folks in Mattapoisett
Were all cozy in bed
As talk of boat ramps
Danced in their heads*

*While nearby in Marion
Half the school may be gone
With students on vacation
The work will press on*

*Rochester was glowing
With fireplace logs
They now have addressed
That whole problem with dogs*

*Then over the Tri-Towns
A sleigh did appear
With a jolly fat man
And eight struggling reindeer*

*This man didn't care
About government ways
He came bearing gifts
Packed tight in his sleigh*

*It turned and careened
And splashed into the bay
Poor Santa's old ride
Not compatible with Y2K*

*But I heard him exclaim
As he washed up on shore
"Merry Christmas to All ...
Where's the nearest toy store?"*

The Wanderer will be closed for vacation from December 27 to December 31. There will be no December 30 edition of *The Wanderer*. Our next regular issue will be January 6, 2000.

*We hope you have a
Happy Holiday and
Fantastic New Year!*

Christmas Show

Center School Stages "Housetop" Performance

Mattapoisett's Center School students in Grades 1 to 3 successfully mounted another holiday production last week before a packed house in the auditorium of Old Rochester Regional High School. The show, "Once on a Housetop" by John Jacobson and John Higgins, featured several musical numbers and told the enchanting tale of a group of chimney sweeps who dance across the rooftops of the town and discover the many different ways that families celebrate the winter holidays — from the candles of Hanukkah to bright piñatas, from a baby born in a

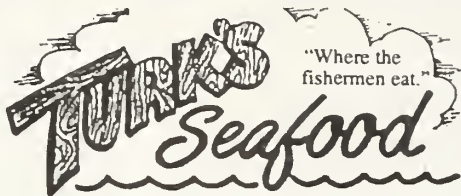


Above: Tri-Town Girl Scouts (from l. to r.) Katherine Bernier, Erica Allen, Rebecca Davis, and Christiana McCarter display the Lollipop Garden they crafted for the Forestview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Wareham. The project was part of their "Community Ties" theme last month and has been on display at the facility throughout the holiday season. (Photo courtesy of Forestview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.)

On the cover: Students from Center School in Mattapoisett and a special guest perform "Once on a Housetop," this year's Annual Holiday Show which played to a packed crowd in the auditorium of Old Rochester Regional High School last week. (Photo by Kenneth J. Souza).

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stable to the uplifting message of Kwanzaa. And the show featured a special appearance by everyone's favorite Big Guy in a Red Suit!

The show was a great celebration of holiday spirit and cultural diversity and also included the Intergenerational Chorus with several grandparents and parents of Center School students joining in the production.

Holiday Gift

Girl Scouts Make Gifts for Elderly

The Marion, Mattapoisett and Rochester Girl Scouts, Brownies, Juniors, and Cadettes presented the residents of Forestview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Wareham a most creative Lollipop Garden to display for this holiday season. This was part of their theme of "Community Ties" for a program conducted last month. The Forestview residents were very appreciative of this unique crafts presentation and will proudly display it in the facility during the holiday season. Representing the project makers were Katherine Bernier, Erica Allen, Rebecca Davis, and Christiana McCarter. The great-grandmother of Rebecca Davis is currently a resident at Forestview.

Mattapoisett Selectmen's Meeting

December 21, 1999

By Mary Redman

A regular meeting of the Mattapoisett Board of

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Selectmen was called to order on Tuesday, December 21 at 7:00 pm by Chairman Paul Lambalot. Also present were Selectman Barry Denham, Selectman Ray Andrews, and Executive Secretary Carol Adams.

The board unanimously approved the minutes of the December 14 meeting. Also approved was the appointment of Paul E. Millott Jr. as an alternate to the Board of Appeals. The Board of Appeals is still looking for at least one more person. Interested parties should submit a letter to the board.

Perambulation of the Rochester and Mattapoissett town bounds has been conducted. This process will take place with the other bordering town at a later date.

Due to the town ambulance being inoperable for several days last week, EASCARE Ambulance Service from South Dartmouth provided the town with an ambulance free-of-charge. The Board of Selectmen were truly grateful to Director Robert Tavares for assisting the town in its time of need.

Upcoming meetings for the week include:

- Thursday, December 23 at 1:00 pm - Town

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#100 Prune "Mol-Li Sopaa" a Finnish recipe submitted by Elsie Salmi of Sarasota, Florida

#101 Pear Raspberry submitted by Ruth Vitah of N. Dartmouth

#102 Apricot Jalapeno submitted by Nancy Underhill of Rochester.

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I wish to thank all who took the time to send in their recipes.

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Employee's Christmas Party;

- Friday, December 24 - Town Hall will be closed in observance of the Christmas holiday;
- Friday, December 31 - Town Hall will be closed in observance of the New Year's holiday;
- Tuesday, January 4 - the Board of Selectmen will not be holding a regular meeting.

Under incoming correspondence for the week, the board received notification from Town Treasurer/Tax Collector Kathleen F. Briggs advising that tax bills are due and payable by January 18, 2000. If a tax deduction is necessary for 1999, payments must be received in the Collector's Office by December 30, 1999. The Treasurer's/Collector's Office will be closed at 1:00 pm on Thursday, December 23 and will not reopen until December 27. The office will also be closed on December 31, 1999.

Another letter was received from the town's Buzzards Bay Action Committee (BBAC) representative William Nicholson. The BBAC is requesting that the town appoint an alternate representative to their committee. The committee regularly meets on the third Wednesday of every month at 12:00 noon in the Wareham Town Hall. The Executive Secretary offered to ask around for interested individuals.

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correspondence extending Season's Greetings and a note of appreciation for all the board does for them throughout the year.

The Executive Secretary's report addressed the Town Hall alarm system. The current system, which is connected directly to the Police Department, is only designed for the Treasurer's/ Collector's Office. This system needs to be upgraded. Selectman Barry Denham offered to speak with Mike from Wayne Corporation regarding making suggestions as to what may be the Town Hall's needs and how they may be best addressed.

There being no further matters to come before the board, they wished the town a joyful holiday season and unanimously voted to adjourn for the evening.

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Marion Selectmen's Meeting

December 21, 1999

By Kenneth J. Souza

A regular meeting of the Marion Board of Selectmen was called to order on Tuesday, December 21 at 7:00 pm by Chairman Loretta B. Schaefer. Also present were Selectman Albert E. Winters, Selectman Jonathan "Jody" Dickerson, and Town Administrator Ray Pickles.

After signing treasury warrants #25, #25A, and #26 for the week and unanimously approving the minutes of December 14 meeting, the board reviewed incoming correspondence for the week, beginning with notification from the Board of Assessors that the town's tax rate has been approved by the Bureau of Local Assessments for fiscal year 2000 at \$12.52 per \$1,000.

Sergeant Lincoln Miller of the Marion Police Department sent a memo to the board advising that the police department has been awarded a grant from the state's Executive Office of Public Safety in the amount of \$16,000 which will be used to cover costs for a bicycle patrol, an officer's time to teach at Sippican School, and a speed-monitoring device like the one now in use in Mattapoisett.

"Be careful in town ... you are forewarned," Chairman Schaefer mused.

The Massachusetts Highway Department sent a reply to the board's request to consider speed limit

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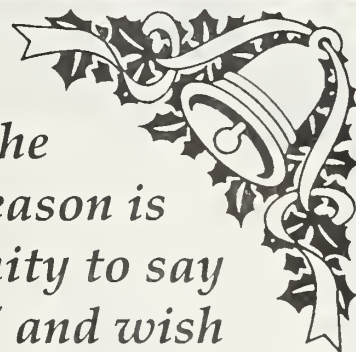


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When eaten, poinsettias cause irritation to the tongue and other tissues of the mouth and possibly the stomach. Thus they cause discomfort but probably not severe illness.

How dangerous is chocolate for pets?

Chocolate is a dose related poison as is coffee. A small amount of chocolate is not dangerous, however, when a 10 pound poodle eats a pound of bakers chocolate, the dogs life may be jeopardized. Early signs of chocolate poisoning are shaking and hyperactivity.

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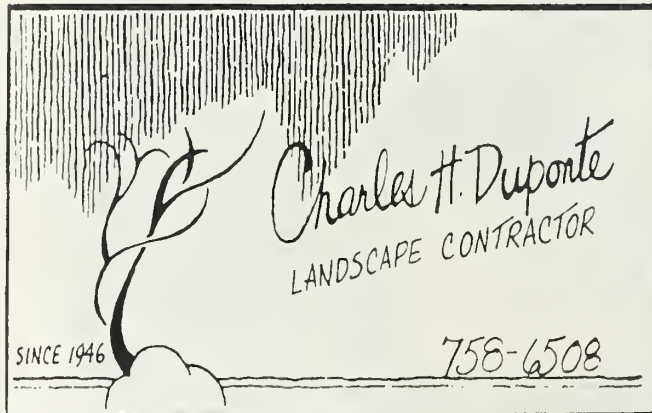
changes along Route 6 in Marion near Sippican, Inc. District Highway Director Bernard McCourt said a speed zone study will be conducted in that location as soon as possible. Chairman Schaefer noted that there have been several severe accidents along that stretch of Route 6 recently.

Marion VFW Post 2425 sent a request to the board to fund \$1,100 for the purchase of a bronze plaque that will commemorate those who served the United States Armed Forces in the Persian Gulf War. The VFW hopes to dedicate said plaque on Memorial Day 2000. Mr. Pickles advised that he will pass this request along to the Finance Committee (FinCom) and said the money could likely be appropriated at the Special Town Meeting within the Annual Town Meeting out of Free Cash.

Suzanne G. Cherau, Principal Investigator with the Public Archaeology Laboratory, sent a letter to the board advising that PAL has completed the cemetery delineation and archaeological survey work for the Delano/Blankenship Cemetery Expansion project on Point Road. The results concluded that there were no significant artifacts at the site and the work may proceed as planned.

"A good portion of that property was dug over at the turn of the century when they built Point Road," Mr. Pickles said, "so I didn't think there would be anything."

Michael C. Collopy, General Manager of Northern, submitted a copy of his letter to the Attorney



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General's office protesting the town's recent awarding of a bid to another firm as the second low bidder. "We were low bidder ... Procurement Officer Ray Pickles decided to award the contract to the second low bidder because he deemed this in the best interest of town," Mr. Collopy wrote. "Mr. Pickles was unhappy with some of the work we did installing town sewer on a private road around ten years ago. Mr. Pickles never asked for any references and based his decision solely on the project from ten years ago. We feel this is unfair and would like his decision overturned."

Mr. Pickles advised there was only a difference of \$150 between the two bids and he still maintains it was in the town's best interest to go with the second lowest

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Mary M. Pepin of Jenna Drive wrote to the board requesting a street light at the intersection of Point Road and Jenna Drive. The board agreed to pass this request along to the Police Department for their consideration.

Shellfish Officer Kevin Snow sent a request to the board to waive the two-foot regulation (Regulation #6 in the town's Commercial Quahog Regulations) in Blankenship's Cove between January 1, 2000 and March 31, 2000. Mr. Snow noted that the area has received little fishing activity thus far. The board unanimously voted to waive the two-foot regulation as per Mr. Snow's request.

The Division of Marine Fisheries next sent notification that the so-called "middle river" portion of the Weweantic River is now open to the taking of shellfish from December 15, 1999 through March 31, 2000.

At 7:10 pm the board met with Luke Lomeland of the Marine Resources Commission (MRC) and James Geil, candidate for appointment to the MRC to fill a vacancy in the wake of David Knott's resignation.

"We've been on a mission to fill the vacancy ... and we voted at our last meeting to hopefully appoint (James Geil) based on his qualifications and experience," Mr. Lomeland said. "Jim is well-qualified as the skipper of the *Tabor Boy* and it will continue (the town's) bond with Tabor Academy."

"I think it's wonderful that (Mr. Geil) has expressed interest and to have (him) as a liaison would only be a positive," Chairman Schaefer said.

The board unanimously voted to appoint Mr. Geil to fill out the term through May 31, 2000.

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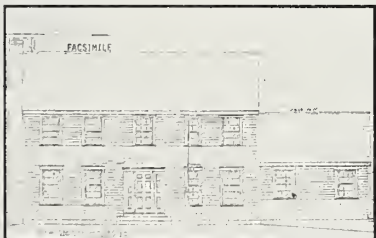
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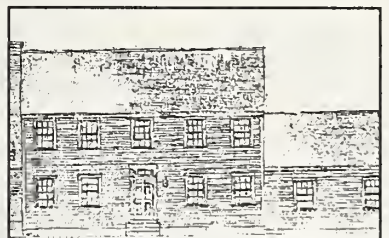
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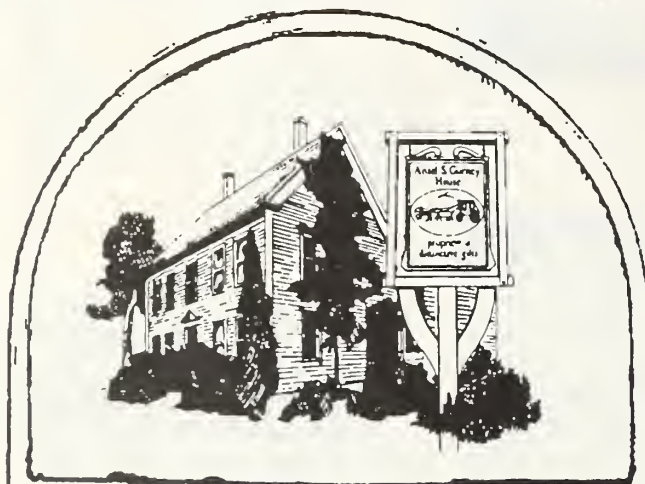
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In other matters, Chairman Schaefer noted that several weeks ago the board asked for volunteers to fill a vacancy on the Marion Scholarship Committee and five people expressed interest in serving out the term formerly held by Ted Pratt. "I'd recommend we appoint Joseph Carver," Chairman Schaefer said. "He's previously served on scholarship committees at Princeton University and he really comes with some very good experience."

The board unanimously voted to appoint Mr. Carver to serve out the term through May 31, 2000.

Mr. Pickles noted that Bill Saltonstall contacted him with concerns that Marion was under-represented on the ORR High School Building Committee and the board may want to consider appointing more representatives. Chairman Schaefer asked that any resident interested in serving on the ORR High School Building Committee should submit a letter to the Board of Selectmen.

Chairman Schaefer next provided an update on their search for a new Police Chief. She noted that 41 applications were received for the position and they've since narrowed that field down to eight — all of whom have gone through an initial interview process. They've now selected three for final interviews which will be conducted on January 3, 4 and 5 at 7:00 pm in the Selectmen's office. The board expects to make their final choice the following week. In the interim, Sergeant Lawrence Savary will serve as Acting Police Chief until the new chief is hired.

There being no further matters to come before the board, they unanimously voted to adjourn for the evening at 7:28 pm. Their next meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 28.

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Rochester Selectmen's Meeting

December 20, 1999

By Kenneth J. Souza

A regular meeting of the Rochester Board of Selectmen was called to order on Monday, December 20 at 7:00 pm by Chairman Richard D. Cutler. Also present were Selectman Patricia Ryan, Selectman Naida Parker, Town Administrator James Huntoon, and Administrative Assistant Veronica Lafreniere.

After approving the minutes of the December 13 meeting via majority vote (with Selectman Parker abstaining), the board announced the winners of the town's Annual Door Decorating Contest which was

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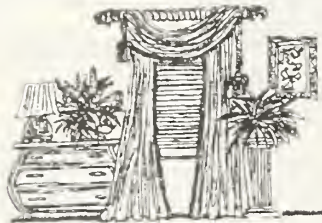
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judged earlier that evening. The following residents will receive donated prizes from several area merchants:

First Place - Lynn Dessert, 20 Bradford Lane;
Second Place - Brenda Sylvia, 341 New Bedford Road;
Third Place - Karen Souza, 46 Bennett Road; Fourth Place - Susan Adams, 541 New Bedford Road; and Fifth Place - Jill Szklany, 65 Vaughan Hill Road.

The board then unanimously signed and approved the following Class II and Class III licenses:

- Class II - Steve's Collision and Paint Center, Inc., Charles Nunes, Eben W. Bumpus, The Custom Shop;
- Class III - High Street Auto & Truck Salvage, Murphy's Auto Salvage, Inc., and Center Garage.

Under the Town Administrator's report, Mr. Huntoon reported that he has been making progress on taking inventory of all town-owned equipment and tagging each item as it is entered into a database. Selectman Ryan noted that the board should be receiving an annual report on all vehicles and their estimated mileage.

Mr. Huntoon also advised that he has notified the two abutters to the County Road property which the town is planning to sell and the deadline to submit a bid on the parcel is January 10 with a minimum bid of \$1,500. He has scheduled a meeting with both the School Committee and Finance Committee to discuss the Chapter 70 funds which have been allocated to the town on either January 24 or 25. And lastly, Mr. Huntoon asked what the board's preference was for Town Hall hours on Thursday, December 23 and Thursday, December 30, given that most area towns are either closing early on those days or not opening at all.

"I don't have a problem with closing the Town Hall early on both days," Chairman Cutler said. With that, the board unanimously voted to close the Rochester Town Hall at 12:00 noon on both December 23 and December 30.

Under incoming correspondence for the week, the board received:

- Letter of appreciation from the City of Worcester for the thoughts, gifts, and prayers that residents and employees of Rochester sent on behalf of the firefighters who lost their lives in a tragic fire earlier

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this month.

• Letter from Kristian J. Stoltenberg, Chairman of the First Congregational Church's Board of Trustees, formally notifying the board that they recently voted to "authorize the Chairman of the Board of Trustees to grant to the Town of Rochester a deeded easement not to exceed 25 feet in width over the church-owned road which extends from the vicinity of the Plumb Memorial Library and Rounseville Road to the Church Vestry on the road known as Constitution Way and as further described in a plan prepared by GAF Engineering, Inc. dated October 27, 1999."

The board unanimously voted to prepare an article for the next Town Meeting to ask voters to accept this deeded easement as described.

• Note of appreciation from Sarah Bourque on behalf of the ORR Girls Basketball team which recently received a donation from funding raised through the Rodman Ride for Kids. "As a member of Rochester's community, I look at this as a town that wants to help our program," Ms. Bourque wrote.

• Notice from MediaOne that they will be offering a FREE preview of HBO and Cinemax to the cable subscribers in Rochester during the weekend of Friday, January 14 through Tuesday, January 18.

• Notification from the Massachusetts Department of Revenue advising that the town's tax rate for FY2000 has been approved and certified. Mr. Huntoon added that tax bills were sent out on Friday, December 17.

The board then discussed a situation with resident Richard Howland who was concerned with the behavior of a member of the Conservation Commission (ConCom) recently. According to Chairman Cutler, the ConCom was contacted about this and said the matter was a misunderstanding.

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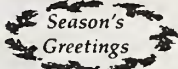
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"A neighbor of Mr. Howland came in and said that a member of the ConCom was on (Mr. Howland's) property taking pictures," Selectman Parker said. "That's not a misunderstanding and I think we need to meet with them to discuss this."

The board agreed to schedule a joint meeting with Mr. Howland and the ConCom next Tuesday, December 27 at 7:00 pm and added that the meeting would likely be held in Executive Session under the exception to consider the possible discipline and/or dismissal of an individual.

Under New Business, the board discussed pending plans to construct a concession stand at the new ballfield on Dexter's Lane. The project is now being spearheaded by the Park Commissioners, who would like to pour a foundation for the large building as soon as possible.

"Based on what we know about the project, (Building Inspector Bob Francis) felt pretty strongly that this should go before the Zoning Board of Appeals," Chairman Cutler said. "The plans should probably also be (reviewed by) the Rochester Historical Commission to

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make sure it meets their requirements. We don't know anything about the building ... and (Mr. Francis) needs a plot plan before he can approve it."

The board next received a request from a police officer to place a letter in his personnel file. Since there was no grievance to be heard, Chairman Cutler said he would entertain a motion to do so, but both Selectman Ryan and Selectman Parker had reservations.

"If we are going to place this in his file, I'd like statements from all the people mentioned in the letter to accompany it," she said. "It's a very self-serving document and I'd like the people who are quoted to substantiate their statements."

"I think this should still go through the grievance procedure," Selectman Parker said.

With that, the board voted via majority — 2 to 1, with Chairman Cutler in opposition — to send a response to the officer in question that this matter should go through the grievance procedure.

The board then reopened its discussion on the town's Personnel By-Law and the lack of activity on the part of the appointed Personnel Board. The board considered the possibility of expanding the current Personnel Board from three to five members, and also stressed that the Personnel Policy needs to be amended.

"I'm very frustrated with this Personnel By-Law ... it's not working and now's the time to look at it and fix it," Selectman Ryan said. "Everybody knows that there are problems (with the Personnel Policy), we need to

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change it. There was a charge made to the Personnel Board and we'd like them to act on it."

"I think all the elements for a good personnel policy are in there, but it needs to be modified," Chairman Cutler agreed. "If you've got a Personnel Board in place, they are the best ones to sit down and make those changes to the Personnel By-Law."

The board voted to send a letter to the Personnel Board to request information for a Town Meeting article to amend the existing Personnel By-Law and possibly change the make-up of their board to better handle future personnel issues.

There being no further matters to come before the board, they unanimously voted to adjourn for the evening at 8:30 pm. Their next regular meeting will be held on Monday, December 27.

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

The Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen wish to take this opportunity to thank the following individuals and departments who, once again, kindly donated their time to help make our Seventeenth Annual 1999 Christmas Tree Lighting another exciting and successful event!

Once again, a special thank you goes out to Mr. and Ms. Swen Olaussen of the Christmas Tree Farm in Rochester for another absolutely beautiful Christmas tree now being displayed in the gazebo located at Shipyard Park throughout the month of December.

Most importantly, we would like to thank Mr. and Ms. Santa Claus and their elves for visiting with the children of Mattapoisett.

And a very special thank you to ... Wesley Bowman, Highway Surveyor; Highway Department Personnel; Ronald E. Scott, Fire Chief; Fire Department Personnel; Mattapoisett Rescue Squad; Stan Ellis and the Old Hammondtown School Band; Ms. Paula Roy, Old Hammondtown School Chorus; the students of Old Hammondtown School; Diane Perry's Art Classes at Center School; and the Brownies and Girl Scout Troops.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank the following individuals for their generosity each year along with their donations of delicious refreshments to be enjoyed by all who attend our Annual Christmas Tree Lighting: Marc and Marlene Goddu of the Mattapoisett Inn; Ms. Janice Sparks of the Shipyard Galley; Mr. Rick Brown, the Mattapoisett Woman's Club and Ms. Ann Marie Cerulli Mills of Cerulli's; and Gale Costa and Louise Vandal of the Seaport Village Ice Cream and Coffee Shop.

A very special thank you is extended to Andrew Bobola, Barbara Sullivan, Maria Cananzey, and Melody Pacheco! Sincerely,
Paul E. Lambalot, Chairman
Raymond H. Andrews, Clerk
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We look forward to next year's gala with great optimism.

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To the Editor:

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To the Editor:

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The recent Marion VFW Fund Drive to finance a new ambulance has been an outstanding success and is one of the reasons why Marion EMS has never billed for its services. For a commercial ambulance service the bill for transport only from Marion to Tobey Hospital would be a minimum of \$500. Add any ALS (Advanced Life Support) services and the bill could double.

We in Marion are very fortunate to have a group of really dedicated EMT and EMT-P neighbors who are willing to respond to a call for help, day or night, in any kind of weather.

Thank you, Marion EMTs and EMT-Ps, from all your grateful neighbors.

Sincerely,

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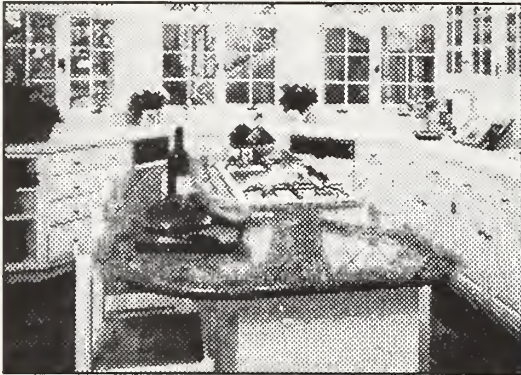
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states, as well as from other areas in the United States, have completed courses at Babson since the program began in 1967. Gerald F. Burke, retired Major of the Massachusetts State Police, is director of the New England Institute.

Children's Band Concert

The annual FREE concert for the children of the Greater New Bedford area will take place on Sunday, January 30 at 3:00 pm in the main auditorium of UMass Dartmouth. Mark your calendars now! Featuring the Tri-County Symphonic Band under the direction of George Dietzler, this family event is fun for everyone. A drawing will be held to choose some lucky ones to lead the band.

Philip Paleologos, well-known radio personality and talk show host, will act as master of ceremonies. The program itself is chosen to appeal to the younger generation and to stimulate interest in instrumental music on the part of children.

Stirring marches, favorite Disney tunes, and familiar melodies combine to make this program an enjoyable experience. The program is timed to be over in plenty of time for the big game on Super Bowl Sunday. It's a great way to start the celebration! This program is made possible by a generous grant from the New Bedford Cultural Council and by those who support the Tri-County Music Association in keeping live music alive here in Southeastern Massachusetts. It's FREE for children

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Marion Council on Aging

Tole Painting

Tole Painting will be held at the Drop-In Center on January 18, 2000 at 1:00 pm. All participants complete a project to take home.

Podiatry Clinic

The next Podiatry Clinic with Dr. Lucarelli will be held on February 4, 2000. Appointments are needed and can be made by calling 748-3570.

Student Nurses

Student Nurses from UMass Dartmouth School of Nursing will be returning in February. Please call the COA office if anyone may be able to take advantage of

this FREE service.

Walking Club

Starting January 1, the Walking Club will start their winter hours and meet at 2:00 pm on the corner of Spring and Cottage Streets.

File of Life

The File of Life refrigerator magnets are still available at the center.

Shopping

The Senior Van travels to the IGA in Wareham on Tuesday and to Shaw's on Friday.

Town Nurse

Town Nurse Martha Griffiths, RN, BSN, is available on Monday from 9:00 to 11:00 am at the Town Hall for Blood Pressure Screening and Health Counseling on a walk-in basis.

Soup Labels

Campbell's Soup labels are still being collected at the Senior Drop-In Center to help support Sippican School.

Story-Telling in Rochester

The Tri-Town Early Childhood Council will present a live story-telling event not to be missed by families in the tri-town area. Diane Postoian of the *Looking Glass Theatre* will present *Ira Sleeps Over* and *Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day*, two contemporary classics with musical accompaniment. Ira ponders whether he should take his teddy bear with him on his first overnight, while Alexander is simply experiencing one really rotten day. By far, these are two of the most popular and well-loved children's picture books in the last 25 years, and the enjoyment of these stories will continue since each family will be offered a FREE copy of one of the two books to take home.

The event will take place in the cafeteria of the Rochester Memorial School on Saturday, January 22 from 11:00 am to 12:00 noon. Admission of \$2 per person and a maximum of \$5 per family will be collected at the door. All children must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, please call the Early Childhood Office at 748-1863.

BBAC Receives Award

The Buzzards Bay Action Committee (BBAC) program has been singled out for special recognition by the Gulf of Maine Council. Al Winters, BBAC Chairman, announced that the BBAC's Executive Director, Len Gonsalves, has been awarded the 1999-2000 Gulf of Maine Visionary Award. This award recognizes BBAC's

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The citation was presented to Mr. Gonsalves, a Dartmouth Selectman, at a ceremony in Portsmouth, NH on December 9. The BBAC was praised for its work to designate Buzzards Bay as a "no discharge area" for boat sewage; to propose innovative state legislation requiring oil-free bilges in recreation boats, for securing a grant to educate boaters about this issue; and for its efforts to develop a more effective mechanism for the collection of waste oil from the New Bedford-Fairhaven Fishing Fleet.

The Gulf of Maine Council on the Marine Environment is an international body, comprised of public and private representatives from Maine, Massachusetts, New Brunswick, New Hampshire, and Nova Scotia. The Buzzards Bay Action Committee was founded in 1990 and is made up of representatives of the municipal governments in the Buzzards Bay watershed.

Acushnet Sea Shell Steppers

The Acushnet Sea Shell Steppers' next monthly dance will be held on Saturday, January 8, 2000 from 8:00 to 10:30 pm at the Acushnet Council on Aging Hall on South Main Street (please note new location). The level will be mainstream-plus. For more information, please call 995-2209 or 990-0392.

Christmas Carols in Fairhaven

A group of students from Fairhaven High School are planning to resurrect the tradition of Holiday Caroling in the town this week. Student James Gagne is leading a group of fellow students which hopes to bring back the holiday tradition and plans to make stops at many of the well-known landmarks in the center of town such as the Fairhaven Town Hall and Millicent Library. The six- to seven-member group will include singers and guitar players, a drummer, and possibly a few harmonica players. Mr. Gagne said he hopes this revival will be fun and enjoyable and encourage others to get involved.

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The speaker this month will be Andrew and Jean Konerth, who will bring the group up to date with the progress of the whale reassembly at the New Bedford Whaling Museum. Andrew and Jean have traveled all over the world reconstructing whales for display. This is their seventh project. Andrew is a biologist by profession, with a specialty in comparative anatomy.

Callers are reminded to report their lists no later than 9:00 pm on January 3, 2000. Last-minute changes and reservations may be made by calling Mike Lamoureux at 758-9311.

Marion History Museum

Help support the Marion Natural History Museum by buying holiday gifts at their gift shop! The shop features such items as books on tracking, birds, wildlife watching, and many others. Also featured are children's books for coloring, making animal masks, sticker books, along with toys, t-shirts, posters, locally-produced honey, and much more!

Your purchases will help fund new displays at the museum so please come in and help support your local Natural History Museum this season. The museum is open Wednesdays from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, and Saturdays from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon.

Mattapoisett Public Library

Winter Preschool Story Hour

Registration for the Winter Preschool Story Hour at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library will take place in the Children's Reading Room beginning Tuesday, December 28. The program is for children ages 3 to 5 and consists of stories, fingerplays, music, and simple crafts. (Children must be three years of age by the first program of the session.)

The Winter sessions consists of seven programs and will begin January 12/14 and end March 1/3. Register for the afternoon program on Wednesday from 1:00 to 1:45 pm or the morning program on Friday from 10:30 to 11:15 am. There will be a maximum of 20 children registered in each group.

Winter Storytime for Two-Year-Olds

Registration for Storytime for Two-Year-Olds will take place in the Children's Reading Room beginning Tuesday, December 28. The thirty-minute program is for two-year-olds accompanied by an enthusiastic adult and

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consists of stories, puppets, music and quiet time for sharing books together. Only the child who is registered may attend; and he/she must be two years old by the first program of the session. The six-week program will be on Thursday mornings from 10:30 to 11:00 am. Program dates are January 13, 20, 27, February 3, 10 and 17. Registration is limited to ten children.

Please call the library at 758-4171 if you have any questions or need further information about these programs.

Rochester Curbside Pickup

The Rochester Highway Department Recycling Program will pick up Christmas cardboard on Thursday, December 30. The department will also have a curbside pickup of Christmas trees on Friday, January 14.

Marion Ambulance Fund

The Marion Ambulance Fund has reached \$95,000 thanks to many residents who have donated thus far. The sum of \$15,000 is still needed to reach the goal of \$110,000 for the purchase of the new ambulance. There are still approximately 1600 households not heard from. Remember that donations are tax-deductible and no amount is too large or too small. Please send your donations to: Marion VFW Ambulance Fund, P.O. Box 126, Marion, MA 02738. Every donation counts!



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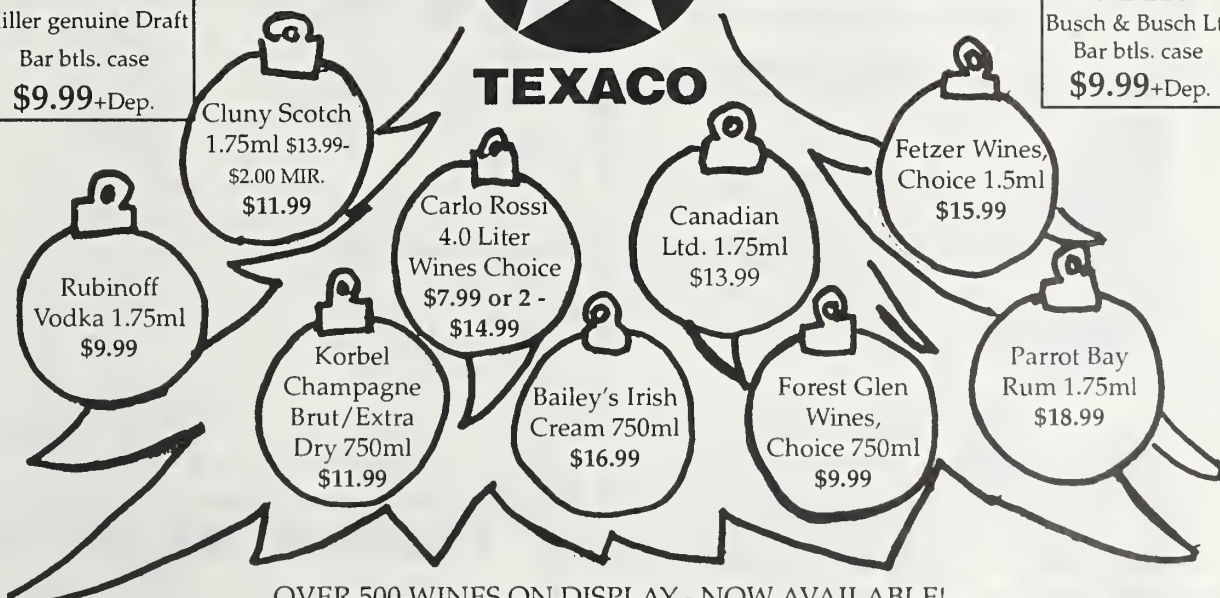
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Mattapoisett Woman's Club

The Mattapoisett Woman's Club is sponsoring an exciting trip to the special exhibit on "Egypt: Pharaohs of the Sun" at the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston on Thursday, January 27, 2000. This is an important international exhibit of Egyptian Arts and Culture. The cost is \$25 which includes admission to the exhibit as well as transportation. The public is invited to join the members. Reservations should be made by January 1, 2000 — please contact Sheila at 758-3700.

Church of the Good Shepherd

The Church of the Good Shepherd in Fairhaven invites you to come home for the holidays. Visitors and guests are welcome at all of the following services:

- Christmas Eve, Friday, December 24 - 6:30 pm: Family Eucharist with homily and music; 10:00 pm: Traditional Eucharist with homily and music (a quieter service). Both services will feature carol-singing by the congregation and the anthem "Allelu!" by the Good Shepherd Praise Choir.

- Christmas Day, Saturday, December 25 - 10:00 am: Casual Eucharist, a half-hour service making Christmas morning special for the whole family. (All worshippers are asked to bring a favorite present for use in the homily).

- Christmas 1, Sunday, December 26 - 8:00 am: Rite 1 Holy Eucharist; 10:00 am: Carol Sing with Eucharist, telling the Christmas story in song.

- Christmas 2, Sunday, January 2 - 8:00 am: Millennial Service with special prayers and Rite 1 Holy Eucharist; 10:00 am: Millennial Service with special prayers and Rite 2 Holy Eucharist, including local premiere of the winning hymn in St. Paul's Cathedral Millennium Hymn Competition.

Sippican Seniors - Marion

Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Sippican Seniors will be held on Friday, January 14, 2000 at 1:30 pm at the VFW Pavilion in Marion. Refreshments will be served.

Mardi Gras

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Executive Board

The Executive Board will meet at 9:30 am on Monday, January 10, 2000 at the Drop-In Center in Marion.

Mattapoisett Council on Aging

SHINE Counselor

The SHINE Counselor will be at the Mattapoisett Senior Center every Monday from 10:00 to 12:00. He will help with all health care issues. You do not need an appointment.

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Fuel Assistance

Fuel Assistance applications are now available. Please call to set up an appointment (758-4110).

Line Dancing

On January 13 Line Dancing will resume with a new instructor and new time of Thursday morning at 10:15 am and a cost of \$2.

Center Closed

The Senior Center will be closed on Friday, December 24 and Friday, December 31. Please plan your needs for the FISH rides accordingly. The van will be going to Shaw's on December 24 and December 31 as usual.

Acushnet Dog Licenses

The Town of Acushnet has announced that the year 2000 Dog Licenses have arrived and are available during regular working hours in the Town Clerk's Office.

Town By-laws state that all dogs over three months old must be licensed before January 1, 2000. The fee for all unaltered dogs is \$9. The fee for all spayed or neutered dogs is \$6.

All owners must present a valid certificate of

rabies inoculation for each dog before a license will be issued. Dog owners who fail to license any dog will be subject to a fine of twenty-five (\$25) dollars. For more information please contact the Town Clerk at 998-0215.

Boating Course in Mattapoisett

Registration for the United States Power Squadron's Boating Course will be held at 7:30 pm on Tuesday, January 11, 2000 at Old Rochester Regional High School (Route 6 in Mattapoisett near the Marion/Mattapoisett line).

Boaters can save on insurance if they take a basic boating course such as this one. Statistically, boating course graduates have good safety records, making them better risks for marine insurance companies. In addition, all boaters 16 years of age and under are now *required* to pass a boating course in order to operate motor boats of any horsepower. This requirement should be an incentive for young people to sign up for this basic boating course.

In the six two-hour sessions of the course, students will be introduced to the basics of 14 subjects: reading charts and understanding aids-to-navigation, safe boat operation, elementary seamanship, navigation (rules of the road), sailing, engine trouble-shooting, course plotting practice, equipment requires by state and federal regulations, radio-telephone procedures, boat handling, docking and undocking, weather prediction, trailering your boat, and elementary marlinespike seamanship (tying knots that hold). The seventh session is a final exam. A United States Power Squadron Certificate of Completion is awarded to everyone who completes the course and passes the final exam.

Anyone is welcome to sign up for the course. There are no age restrictions, and boat ownership is not required. Instruction is free, the only costs being for materials plus a nominal fee to help defray the cost of classroom rental. Prices for materials, including sales tax, are as follows:

Boating Course Complete Kit: \$26.50 (includes student manual, course plotter and dividers for those starting from scratch); Student Manual Only: \$15.00 (for those who already have plotting equipment); Extra Set of Homework Questions: \$4.00 (in case more than one family member is taking the course, one set is required for each additional family member); Practice Chart and Practice Rope: \$3.00. The total cost if you have no equipment at all is \$34.50 for materials and classroom rent.

For more information, please contact Ken Costa at 636-5594, Ed Lewis at 758-3876, Dick Fearing at 748-1890, or Bob Coburn at 947-4462.

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Mattapoisett Woman's Club

Great Decisions Group

The Mattapoisett Woman's Club is once again sponsoring the Great Decisions Discussion Group, nationally-sponsored by the Foreign Policy Association. It meets for a series of eight weeks, on a Thursday afternoon at 1:30 pm at the Friends Meeting House in Mattapoisett, beginning the fourth week in January. This program is open to men and women in the tri-town and greater New Bedford area. The club has been sponsoring it for over 20 years. Great Decisions opens the way for you to learn about foreign policy issues and to express and discuss your views with others.

If you are interested in participating, please call Lois Murray (758-4949) or Libby Klim (758-9410). Come meet, discuss, and learn with a group of people of many interests.

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Mattapoisett Town Meeting

The Mattapoisett Selectmen's office will accept articles, petitions, and street acceptances for insertion into the 2000 Annual Town Meeting warrant until Monday, January 24, 2000. If you should have any questions concerning any of the above, please contact Carol Adams or Melody Pacheco at 758-4100.

Plumb Memorial Library

Gift Ideas

Friends are also selling other items to raise funds for the library. Do your holiday shopping early! New this month are children's T-shirts that show kids are friends of the library, too. Available in sizes from toddler and up, the shirts are a fun way to show your support for the library. Coming next month will be sturdy tote bags decorated

with a picture of the Rochester Town Common. The Friends want to thank artist Jody Church, along with Screen Works, Inc. of Mattapoisett for designing and printing the T-shirts and tote bags. Also coming soon will be Support Buttons, which will be given to anyone who supports the library with a donation to the Friends. Available in plenty of styles to suit any age or personality, these buttons can be worn with pride to show that you helped the library grow.

Mattapoisett Firefighters' Auxiliary

The Mattapoisett Firefighters' Auxiliary has been in existence for over 20 years. The organization was originally founded by the wives and family members of the firefighters to assist in lengthy fires by providing water, coffee and food when necessary. Eventually fund-raising was started as a way to provide a yearly scholarship to the children, wives or very often the firefighters themselves. The Auxiliary has now become involved, over the last ten years, in community projects to help those in need. This years' fund-raising project is "Mattapoisett T-shirts." These T-shirts are available for \$10 for adults sizes and \$9 for children's sizes. You can purchase them at Seaport Village, The Tin Rabbit in Fairhaven, Mike and Wayne's in Fairhaven, or from any Auxiliary member. They make wonderful gifts.

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Mattapoisett Public Notice

2000 Shellfish Buttons are now on sale in the Mattapoisett Selectmen's Office for a fee of \$25. All persons holding shellfish buttons numbered 1 to 50 must pick them up prior to February 1, 2000.

2000 Beach/Wharf Stickers are also available for sale in the Selectmen's Office for a fee of \$6. Seniors over the age of 70 are eligible for FREE beach/wharf stickers and shellfish licenses.

ORR Superintendent Hours

ORR Superintendent Elizabeth A. Quinn has announced the resumption of evening office hours, which will begin later this year due to a busy fall schedule of Building Committee meetings. This year, Ms. Quinn will be available for appointments or drop-in visits at her office according to the following schedule. If you would like to schedule an appointment during these hours or at any other time, please call Danielle Brightman at 758-2772, extension 13:

Wednesday, January 19, 2000; Monday, January 31, 2000; Thursday, February 10, 2000; Thursday, March 2, 2000; Monday, March 20, 2000; Thursday, April 6, 2000; Tuesday, April 25, 2000; Wednesday, May 10, 2000; Wednesday, May 24, 2000.

Hours will be from 5:00 to 7:00 pm in the Superintendent's Office at Old Rochester Regional High School, 135 Marion Road, Mattapoisett.

Acushnet Council on Aging

Following is a schedule of new activities and services available at the new Senior Center:

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Help Wanted

The Acushnet COA is looking for a Line Dancing teacher. They also need drivers who can bring clients to doctor's appointments.

Day Trip

There will be a Day Trip on Wednesday, January 19, 2000 to the Mohegan Sun Casino.

Box Tops for Mattapoisett

This year the Mattapoisett Elementary Schools are trying to raise money to purchase new software and books for the schools through a fund-raising program called General Mills Box Tops for Education. It's fun and easy: all you need to do is collect the box tops from participating General Mills cereals, snacks, and Yoplait yogurt multi-packs. Simply clip the box top logos and send them to school with your children. That's all there is to it! The more the schools collect, the more money they earn. The school gets 15 cents for each pink cereal box top and 10 cents for each green snacks and Yoplait box top. Collection boxes are located at the Mattapoisett Post Office, Mattapoisett Public Library, and Village Shoppe. Thanks for your support!

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Ginny wishes to thank all the members and "Friends" who were instrumental in making this party possible. Also a big thank you goes out to the students who did such a great job entertaining.

Dinner for Two

The Friends of the Elderly are selling the Dinner for Two Dine-Out books as part of their annual fund-raiser. These books contain coupons for many area residents and are priced at \$29.95. Each coupon is worth a FREE dinner. That is, "Buy one dinner and get one dinner free." This is a good opportunity to save money when eating out and at the same time help an organization that devotes itself to making life more pleasant for Mattapoisett seniors. There is a list of participating restaurants at the Senior Center where you can also purchase the books. The Senior Center is open Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 12:00 noon, and 1:00 to 4:00 pm.

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Marion Social Club Cookbook

The Marion Social Club Cookbook is a collection of recipes from members and friends, providing local flavor, history, kitchen hints and information. Place it on your shopping list — it's a perfect gift for yourself, for a shower, friend or relative that has moved away or the cookbook collector. Think holidays and shop early! Reasonably priced at only \$8 per copy, the cookbook is available at: The Bookstall, 151 Front Street in Marion; Bev Loves Books in the Plumb Corner Mall in Rochester;

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Mattapoisett Transfer Station

The Mattapoisett Transfer Station is now
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If you have stories to share but don't know where to begin, please contact Lucy Loomis at the Plumb Library at 763-8600 and she can work with you to get them down on paper. Each citizen's unique viewpoint is what makes the town so interesting and vital.

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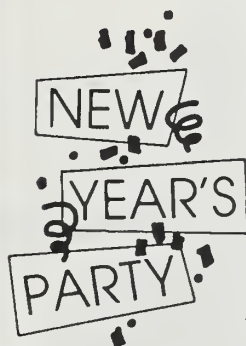
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SERVE (SHARE) pick-up day is the fourth Saturday of the month at the Rochester Woman's Club at 1:00 pm. All are welcome.

AARP

AARP meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 1:00 pm at the Rochester Town Hall and all are welcome.

Trips

The Rochester COA trips are held on Monday and the van leaves Town Hall at 9:00 am. The COA tries to do special events for seniors, and take them to places that are of interest to all.

Shopping

Shopping trips are on Wednesday at 9:00 am. Please call 763-8723 to make reservations for the van to pick you up.


Doctor's Appointments

The Rochester COA van will take seniors to doctor's appointments — just call 763-8723 at least 24 hours in advance to schedule a ride.

Taizé Prayer in Marion

St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church in Marion, which brought the meditative worship of France's Taizé monastic community to the SouthCoast last year, has announced a new series of Taizé Prayer events for the 1999-2000 season. The half-hour services will be offered on the third Monday of each month at 5:30 pm.

Borrowing from a modern spiritual community in France, Taizé worship incorporates chant, silence, and beauty. It provides a refuge for those seeking faith, those wanting a grounding to see them through the stresses of life, and those who find themselves unmoved by formal



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religiosity. There are no sermons, announcements, or discussions — simply an environment inviting you to encounter God and yourself.

Taizé is a community of Christians from all denominations who seek global reconciliation. Formed in 1940 by a Protestant pastor named Brother Roger, the tiny French village of Taizé has evolved into a major pilgrimage site for young people and produced meditative music which is used the world over. Taizé worship is now offered monthly at Grace Church in New Bedford.

After the services at St. Gabriel's, participants will also have the opportunity to walk the Labyrinth, another form of meditative prayer. The Labyrinth, a winding path

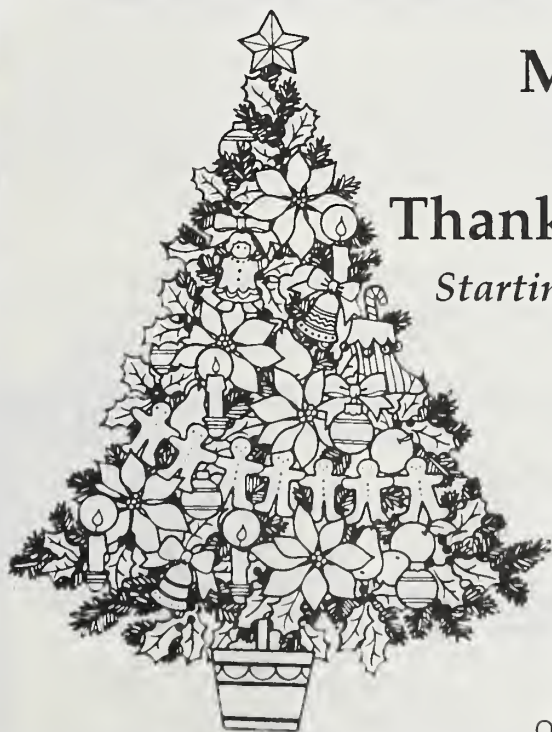
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Septic Loan Program

The Mattapoisett Board of Health would like to inform residents of the Homeowner Septic Loan Program which is designed to assist homeowners and condominium associations, repair or replace septic systems which fail to meet the Commonwealth's Title V requirements. The program can also be used to hook up to public sewer when existing septic systems do not meet Title V requirements. This program is a combined effort of the Department of Environmental Protection, the Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency (MHFA), and the Mattapoisett Board of Health.

These loans are available to homeowners at interest rates of 0 percent, 3 percent, and 5 percent, depending on income, for loans ranging in size from a minimum of \$1,000 to a maximum of \$25,000. Qualified homeowners across the Commonwealth can access this low-interest rate loan program. Homeowners can stop by the Board of Health office to pick up the information, or it can be mailed to them by calling 758-4112. Please ask for Millie Mello or Dale Barrows.

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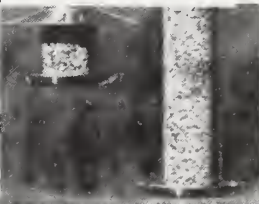
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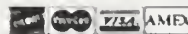
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Sippican Senior Travelers

Following are upcoming trips sponsored by the Sippican Senior Travelers. For more information or to make reservations for any of these trips, please call 748-1467:

- January 23, 24 and 25, 2000 - Atlantic City, Claridge Hotel and Casino. Includes three days' luxury accommodations, \$30 cash bonus, plus \$10 deferred and luxury motorcoach. Cost is \$109 double occupancy, \$105 triple occupancy, or \$139 single.
- February 16, 2000 - Tony Pace Valentine's Show at Venus De Milo in Swansea, MA. Sit back and be entertained with comedy and music. Lunch is baked scrod or baked chicken breast served with their famous soup. Bring your dancing shoes! Price is \$41 per person.
- March 21, 2000 - Le Cabaret, Broadway Matinee Inn at Northampton. Lunch will be baked chicken, baked scrod, or Yankee pot roast. Enjoy the show and a nice shopping stop on the way home. Price is \$45 per person.
- April 9, 2000 - Newport Playhouse and Cabaret Restaurant featuring "Beau Jest" comedy and the famous "all you can eat" buffet. Price is \$52 per person.
- May 1-5, 2000 - Wildwood, NJ at Aqua Beach Motel. Includes two dinners and breakfasts, two trips to Atlantic City with bonus, Dixieland Cruise, visit to Cape May. Cost is \$240 double occupancy per person, \$230 triple, or \$310 single.
- May 26, 2000 - Old Mill, Westminster, MA. Visit the Buffalo Farm and Smith's Cheese. Cost is \$37 per person.
- June 14 - 16, 2000 (3 days) - Boothbay Harbor at Capt'n Irish Motel, ME. Shopping in Kittery. Twin lobster dinner and two-hour boat cruise, dinner theater, and a stop at L. L. Bean. Price for double occupancy: \$239 per person; triple occupancy: \$229 per person; single occupancy: \$289 per person.
- June 21, 2000 - Salute to South Pacific starring Sharon Zee plus the Polynesian Show for 2000 at Hu Ke Lau in Holyoke, MA. Meal choice includes baked stuffed chicken or prime rib. Price is \$50 per person.
- July 12, 2000 - Warren's Lobster House, Kittery, ME. Boiled lobster, baked tail and claws, lobster or top sirloin steak. Includes stops in Kittery for shopping, Nubble Light, Brown's Ice Cream, and York, ME. Price is

\$43 per person.

- August 6 - 10, 2000 - Five-Day Nova Scotia Trip, with one night in Bar Harbor, ME with lobster dinner, aboard the "Cat" for two-and-a-half hour ride to Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, spend two nights in Halifax at Delta Barrington, which connects to Sheraton Casino. Tour will include scenic tour of Nova Scotia, and one night in Yarmouth with dinner theater. Cost is \$549 per person double occupancy, \$529 triple occupancy, or \$699 single.

- September 21 - 23, 2000 (3 days) - Lake George, stay at the Hotel "Georgian" and tour Saratoga Springs, Lake Placid, and Prospect Mountain. Includes two dinners, two breakfasts, one lunch, boat cruise and dinner theater. Cost is \$259 per person double occupancy, \$249 triple occupancy, and \$334 single.

- October 18, 2000 - Delaney House, Holyoke, MA. The fabulous lunch with entrees and entertainment by three-man band "Summer Squash," playing 12 instruments. Also a visit to Atkins Farm. Cost is \$45 per person.

- Foxwoods Trips 2000 - January 13, February 24, March 16, April 20, May 18, June 22. Bus departs Marion VFW at 7:30 am. Trips include \$10 food, \$10 match play, and \$10 Keno (subject to change). Cost is \$14 per person.

Child Care Financial Aid

If it seems like most of the money that you earn as a working parent is going right back out again to pay for preschool or child care, Community Partnerships for Children may be able to offer some help. Through a grant program from the Massachusetts Department of Education, working families are offered subsidies based on a sliding scale. The Early Childhood Office for the Old Rochester Regional School District manages this program for residents of Marion, Mattapoisett, and Rochester who earn a state median income or less (\$54,000 for a family of four).

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Movie Review

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■ **Anna and the King.** Starring Jodie Foster and Chow Yun-Fat. Directed by Andy Tennant. MPAA rating: PG-13. Running time: 149 minutes. At Cinema 12 at the North Dartmouth Mall and Flagship Cinemas in New Bedford.

Halfway through *Being John Malkovich*, when Catherine Keener looked into the eyes of John Malkovich and saw the soul of the woman she loved, she raised the curtain on a new, funky kind of screen romance. It's hard to regress from that to the conventional repressed romance of *Anna and the King*, one more women's weepie in which we're supposed to sigh and honor the restraint of the two romantic leads as they spend two hours or more denying their feelings. The best example of this sort of film in the '90s was *The Remains of the Day*; the many Hollywood variations since — *Bridges of Madison County*, *The Horse Whisperer*, and so on — have done little to improve on it.

Three questions answered right away: Yes, Jodie Foster fakes a serviceable accent as Anna Leonowens, the widowed British schoolteacher who journeys to Siam with her young son. Yes, Chow Yun-Fat is quietly charismatic as King Mongkut, the monarch who hires Anna to teach his dozens of children. And yes, the film is an elegant bit of eye candy (cinematographer Caleb Deschanel, who shot *The Black Stallion*, is a whiz at picture-postcard images). The movie is handsome and well-appointed, with lonely good moments scattered across its two hours and 29 minutes, but it's still one of the most boring films in recent memory. I was reminded of *Kundun*, which had no plot but exerted a strong hold on our visual imagination. *Anna and the King* has too much plot tripping up its enchantment.

Anna and King Mongkut forgo an amiably combative bond the minute they lay eyes on each other. The King, it seems, is tired of women (and men) grovelling on the floor before him all the time; he's excited by a free-thinker like Anna, who dares to remain standing in his presence. Anna, for her part, is attracted to the King because ... well, he's played by Chow Yun-Fat; the script (credited to Steve Meerson and Peter Krikes) provides little other reason.

The British schoolmarm and the Asian god spend many, many scenes enlightening each other; the movie at its worst is like a lecture on comparative culture. I experienced more than a little *deja vu*, having recently



caught up with director Andy Tennant's previous movie, the likable *Ever After*, in which a pre-feminist Cinderella (Drew Barrymore) challenged and debated the Prince until he had no choice but to fall in love with her. Apparently, all these monarchs need is a gutsy woman to set them straight and tell them when they're being jerks. Tennant has a solid eye for visuals; he also has an eye on the women in the audience who like being flattered with the notion that they, too, could sway a king with their ideas.

A subplot involving some of the King's rebellious men — who want to go to war with the Burmese against the King's will — sucks most of the life out of the movie and distracts from the already dubious magic of the romance. The only redeeming virtue of the scenes of palace intrigue is the impressive actor Randall Duk Kim, as the brutal General Arak; his saturnine features and weary delivery of stock evil dialogue reminded me of John Hurt. But this story thread just leads to an intelligence-insulting climax involving an exploding bridge. Do *all* movies have to end like *Lethal Weapon* these days?

Foster and Chow Yun-Fat occasionally get a pleasant rhythm going together, and their best moment comes when tragedy strikes: the King's anguish barely held in check by the stoicism required of a monarch; Anna's grief-stricken expression as she struggles not to weep openly (Foster is lighted so that her eyes seem ripped open by fishhooks). Chow Yun-Fat acquires himself well in his first major Hollywood role without gunplay. Though he's sometimes a bit hard to understand (to be fair, I wonder how intelligible Foster's lines of Chinese dialogue are to Chinese listeners), he gives the movie whatever dignity it has, and he steals the film right out from under Foster, who often seems preoccupied with maintaining her accent. *Anna and the King* ends on an elegant note, but it's not enough to wipe out our memory of that idiotically explosive climax; the movie has already lost face, and our interest with it.

■ CINEMA 140

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Movie Lines: 999-6577, 999-4233

Saturday (Dec. 25) through Thursday (Dec. 30)
Princess Mononoke* (PG-13) — Sat: 4:40, 7:15, 9:40; Sun-Thu: 11:45, 2:15, 4:40, 7:15, 9:40
Tumbleweeds* (PG-13) — Sat: 4:30, 6:30, 8:30; Sun-Thu: 12:30, 2:30, 4:30, 6:30, 8:30

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Tarzan (G) — Sat: 4:45; Sun-Thu: 12:15, 2:00, 4:45

The World is Not Enough (PG-13) — Sat: 5:00, 7:30,

10:00; Sun-Thu: 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00

Sleepy Hollow (R) — Sat: 4:30, 9:30; Sun-Thu:

12:00, 4:30, 9:30

■ FLAGSHIP CINEMA 12

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Friday (Dec. 24) through Thursday (Dec. 30)

Galaxy Quest (PG) — Sat-Thu: 12:35, 2:45, 4:55, 7:15, 9:40

The Talented Mr. Ripley (R) — Sat-Thu: 12:30, 3:30, 7:00, 10:00

Any Given Sunday (R) — Fri: 12:00, 1:05, 3:20, 4:15; Sat-Thu: 12:00, 1:05, 3:20, 4:15, 6:40, 7:30, 9:45

Man on the Moon (R) — Fri: 12:35, 3:10; Sat-Thu: 12:35, 3:10, 6:55, 9:35

Stuart Little (PG) — Fri: 1:00, 3:00, 5:00; Sat-Thu: 11:00, 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00, 9:00

Bicentennial Man (PG) — Fri: 12:45, 3:30; Sat-Thu: 12:45, 3:30, 7:20, 9:55

Anna and the King (PG-13) — Fri: 12:40, 3:40; Sat-Thu: 12:40, 3:40, 6:40, 9:35

The Green Mile (R) — Fri: 12:20, 4:00; Sat-Thu: 11:30, 3:00, 6:30, 10:00

Deuce Bigalow: Male Gigolo (R) — Fri: 12:30, 2:30, 4:30; Sat-Thu: 12:30, 2:30, 4:30, 7:25, 9:40

Toy Story 2 (G) — Fri: 12:25, 1:05, 2:40, 3:15, 4:50; Sat-Thu: 12:25, 1:05, 2:40, 3:15, 4:50, 5:30, 7:10,

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End of Days (R) — Fri: 12:50, 3:25; Sat-Thu: 6:55, 9:30

■ GENERAL CINEMA 12

Faunce Corner Road, North Dartmouth, MA.
Movie Line: 999-3141

Saturday (Dec. 25) through Thursday (Dec. 30)

Any Given Sunday (R) — Sat: 1:00, 4:00, 4:50, 7:30, 8:30; Sun-Thu: 12:20, 1:00, 4:00, 4:50, 7:30, 8:30

Stuart Little (PG) — Sat: 1:50, 3:50, 5:40, 7:30, 9:30; Sun-Thu: 11:50, 1:50, 3:50, 5:40, 7:30, 9:30

Toy Story 2 (G) — Sat: 12:50, 2:10, 3:00, 4:30, 5:10, 6:40, 7:20, 8:50, 9:30; Sun-Thu: 11:50, 12:50, 2:10, 3:00, 4:30, 5:10, 6:40, 7:20, 8:50, 9:30

Bicentennial Man (PG) — Sat: 3:30, 6:30, 9:20; Sun-Thu: 12:40, 3:30, 6:30, 9:20

Galaxy Quest (PG) — Sat: 2:20, 4:30, 6:50, 9:00; Sun-Thu: 12:10, 2:20, 4:30, 6:50, 9:00

The Talented Mr. Ripley (R) — Sat: 2:50, 6:10, 9:00; Sun-Thu: 12:00, 2:50, 6:10, 9:00

Man on the Moon (R) — 1:10, 3:40, 6:50, 9:30

The Green Mile (R) — Sat: 4:00, 8:00; Sun-Thu:

12:00, 4:00, 8:00

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Anna and the King (PG-13) — 1:00, 4:50, 8:10

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Rochester Cultural Council

The Rochester Cultural Council is conducting a survey to help better serve the cultural needs of our community. The RCC grants funds to individuals, groups, or organizations that promote the arts, humanities, and interpretive sciences for the benefit of our community.

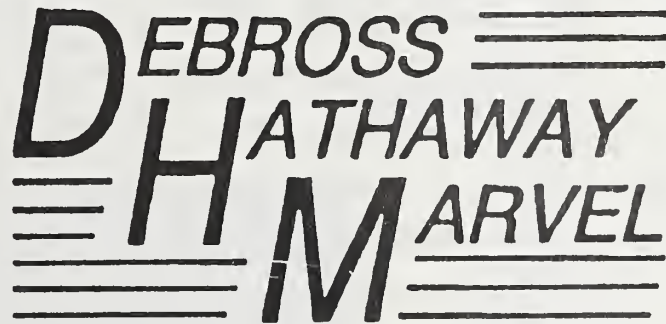
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Local Police Logs

■ MARION

The following log excerpts are for the week of December 12 through December 18, 1999:

- Spring Street – suspicious motor vehicle
- Mill Street – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Stoney Run Lane – animal complaint
- Spring Street – motor vehicle complaint
- Spring Street – animal complaint
- Spring Street – suspicious motor vehicle
- Gifford's Corner Road – general offense
- County Road – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Cross Neck Road – animal complaint
- Olde Knoll Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Wareham Road – vandalism/past
- Spring Street – larceny/past
- Wareham Road – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Delano Road – animal complaint
- Rezendes Terrace – officer wanted
- Cove Circle – larceny/past
- Pine Hill Lane – noise complaint
- Benson Brook Road – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Point Road – motor vehicle complaint
- Washburn Park Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Barros Drive – assault and battery/past
- Spring Street – annoying phone calls
- Wareham Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Marion Road – transport

- Point Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Indian Cove Road – animal complaint
- Mill Street – suspicious motor vehicle
- Washburn Park Road – suspicious motor vehicle.

■ MATTAPOISETT

The following log excerpts are for the week of December 12 through December 18, 1999:

- Marion Road – motor vehicle hit deer
- Route 195 East – disabled motor vehicle (out of gas)
- North Street – erratic operation of motor vehicle
- Acushnet Road – assist with dog bite
- Barstow Street – smell of gas reported
- Sparrow Hill Road – request for assistance
- Park Street – motor vehicle hit deer
- Bowman Road – water in electrical boxes
- Old Road to Pine Island – missing person (juvenile)
- Marion Road – domestic disturbance
- River Road – missing juvenile reported
- Route 195 West – suspicious person
- Long Plain Road – motor vehicle accident
- Marion Road – simple threats
- Marion Road – larceny/past
- County Road – vandalism/property damage
- Shaw Street – illegal hunting near school
- Marion Road – minor motor vehicle accident in parking lot
- Melanie Lane – fire outside house
- County Road – motor vehicle accident/no injuries
- Prospect Road – harassing phone calls
- Fairhaven Road – disturbance/

- loud music
- County Road – illegal trash dumping
- Pinehurst Avenue – adult arrest (warrant)
- Homestead Court – attempted breaking and entering
- Fairhaven Road – kids in road-way
- Water Street – motor vehicle accident
- Mahoney's Lane – stray dog reported
- Long Plain Road – past hit and run/property damage
- Gary Drive – loose dog in area
- County Road – returned property (lost credit card).

■ ROCHESTER

The following log excerpts are for the week of December 14 through December 20, 1999:

- Mary's Pond Road – highway matter
- Quaker Lane – suspicious motor vehicle
- Mattapoisett Police Department – rape investigation
- Memorial School – suspicious activity
- New Bedford Road – animal control matter
- Outdoor World – suspicious motor vehicle
- Robinson Road – car hit deer
- Walnut Plain Road – suspicious activity
- Braley Hill Road – disorderly conduct
- High Street – suspicious motor vehicle
- Mary's Pond Road – adult arrest (operating under the influence)
- Cushman Road – animal control matter
- Walnut Plain Road – officer wanted
- Neck Road – animal control matter
- North Avenue – car hit deer
- Adrian's Package Store – vandalism.

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Marion Open Space Commission

The members of the Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission, encouraged by the public support they have received, encourage and welcome suggestions from the community. The commission meets at 7:00 pm every second and fourth Wednesday of the month. Meeting times and dates are posted in the Marion Town House. Members of public are always welcome, or you may write to the Marion Open Space Commission c/o Marion Town House.

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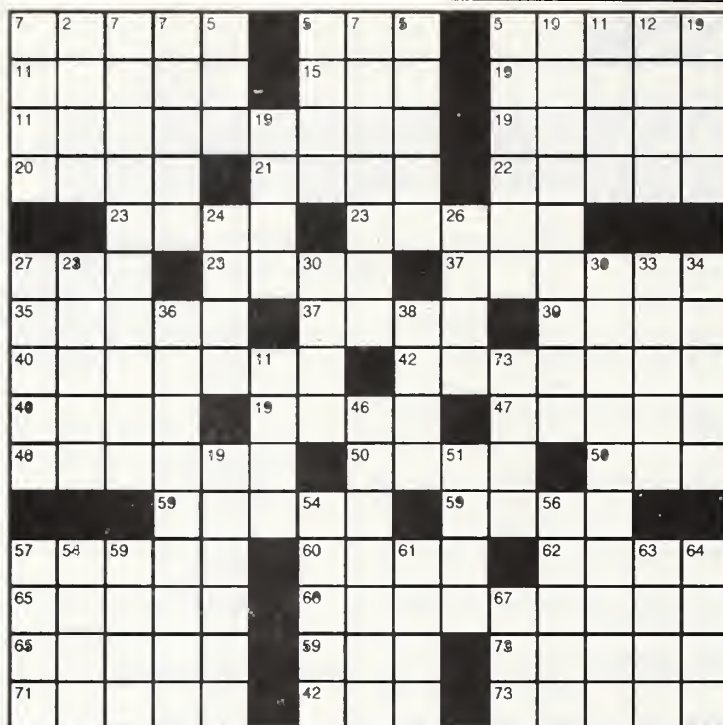
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This Week's Horoscope

by Linda Black

Aries (March 21-April 19). You're sharp as a tack. Organize your errands and finish them in no time. Have the gang over to your house. Hide out with the ones you love.

Taurus (April 20-May 20). Good thing you know how to budget 'cause that's your assignment. Travel gets easier, but you still have a lot to do close to home. Reserve a day for private time with the one you love best.

Gemini (May 21-June 21). Don't get into an argument. Compromise instead; it'll be more fun. Take care when shopping. A penny saved is a penny earned. You'll be confident and attractive, so strut your stuff.

Cancer (June 22-July 22). Don't let your worries get you down. Things get better. Soon, you should have the assistance you've sought and the confidence to tell them what to do.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22). Friends help you understand your sweetheart and/or kids. Confide in them. Keep most of what you're thinking to yourself.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). If you do what you're told, you'll save a lot of time. You get luckier in love and everything else.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Travel looks good for you, especially with that special someone. If you mind your manners, you'll make a great impression.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). A shrewd deal could go through. Let the other person do most of the talking. These would be good days for travel.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll outmaneuver the competition. You lose your advantage soon, so get practical.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Focus on your work to get it all done ahead of time. The sun comes into your sign, and you're looking quite attractive.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Show your love. Don't wait a moment longer. You'll have plenty of work. You're up against a deadline, too.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20). You want to be home, but you might have to work. Your luck changes for the better, and friends show up to help.

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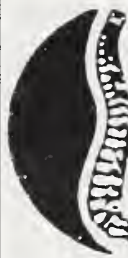
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P.M.L.</p> <p>A PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN O most beautiful flower of Mount Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God. Immaculate Virgin assist me in my necessity. O Star of the Sea, help me and show me here you are my mother. O Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to secure me in my necessity (make request). There are none that can withstand your power. O Mary conceived without sin pray for us who have recourse to thee (3 times). Holy Mary, I place this cause in her hands (3 times). Say this prayer for three consecutive days and then you must publish; it will be granted to you. D.C.</p>	<p>ST. JUDE'S NOVENA May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus, pray for us. St. Jude, worker of miracles, pray for us. St. Jude, help of the hopeless, pray for us. Say this prayer 9 times a day. By the 8th day your prayer will be answered. Say it for 9 days. It has never been known to fail. Publication must be promised. Thank You, St. Jude. A.J.C.</p> <p>LEGAL NOTICES</p> <p>ROCHESTER HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION The Rochester Historic District Commission will conduct a public hearing in accordance with Historic District Bylaw (5.3) adopted at the June 1999 Annual Town Meeting. The purpose of this public hearing is to present "Guidelines for Review" regarding design for certain exterior architectural features in the Historic District, which are suitable for the issuance of a certificate. The public hearing will be held Wednesday, January 19th at 7:00pm in the Rochester Town Hall. Susan S. Adams, Chairman 12/23/99, 1/6/00</p> <p>TOWN OF ROCHESTER BOARD OF APPEALS LEGAL NOTICE #728 Notice is hereby given that the Rochester Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of James Tracey for a special permit under Section VIII.C.2.b. of protective bylaws to allow the addition to an existing farm structure. Property is located at 156 North Avenue; Assessors plan 48 lot 30G. Public hearing will be conducted on January 13, 2000, 7:45pm in the Conference Room of the Rochester Town Hall. Charles Wolf, Chairman 12/23/99, 1/6/00</p> <p>TOWN OF ROCHESTER BOARD OF APPEALS LEGAL NOTICE #729 Notice is hereby given that the Rochester Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of Dan and Maureen Kennedy for a special permit under Section VIII.C.2. of protective bylaws to allow an accessory structure in the front yard area. Property is located at 578 New Bedford Road; Assessors plan 4 lot 25A. Public hearing will be conducted on January 13, 2000, 7:30pm in the Conference Room of the Rochester Town Hall. Charles Wolf, Chairman 12/23/99, 1/6/00</p>	<p>TOWN OF ROCHESTER BOARD OF APPEALS LEGAL NOTICE #730 Notice is hereby given that the Rochester Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of Jo-Ann and David O'Malley, 130 Quaker Lane, who are seeking a variance from setback requirements under Section VIII.B and a special permit under section VIII.D.9.a. of protective bylaws to allow conversion of a single family dwelling to a two family dwelling. Property is identified as Assessors plan 37 lot 7. Public hearing will be conducted on January 13, 2000, 8:00pm in the Conference Room of the Rochester Town Hall. Charles Wolf, Chairman 12/23/99, 1/6/00</p> <p>TOWN OF ROCHESTER BOARD OF APPEALS LEGAL NOTICE #731 Notice is hereby given that the Rochester Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of Peter Arruda for a special permit under section VIII.D.9.a. to allow conversion of a single family dwelling to a two family dwelling. Property is located at 10 Union Church Terrace, Assessors plan 29 lot 41. Public hearing will be conducted on January 13, 2000, 8:15pm in the Conference Room of the Rochester Town Hall. Charles Wolf, Chairman 12/23/99, 1/6/00</p> <p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION LEGAL NOTICE The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, December 27, 1999 at 7:45pm in the Town Hall on the Notice of Intent submitted by Graeme & Joanna Ingham. The proposed project is to construct a new one family dwelling within the buffer zone of wetlands and within the 100-year flood plain. The project is located at Winnatuxett Beach Road and is further identified as lot 70 on Assessors Map 5. Conservation Commission 12/23</p> <p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION LEGAL NOTICE The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, December 27, 1999 at 8:45pm in the Town Hall on the Notice of Intent submitted by Mr. & Mrs. Jon Bryan. The proposed project is to construct a new one family dwelling with septic system located within the 100-year flood plain. The project is located at Noyes Avenue and is further identified as lot 40 on Assessors Map 12A. Conservation Commission 12/23</p>
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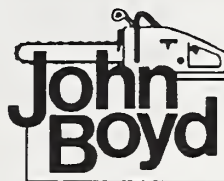
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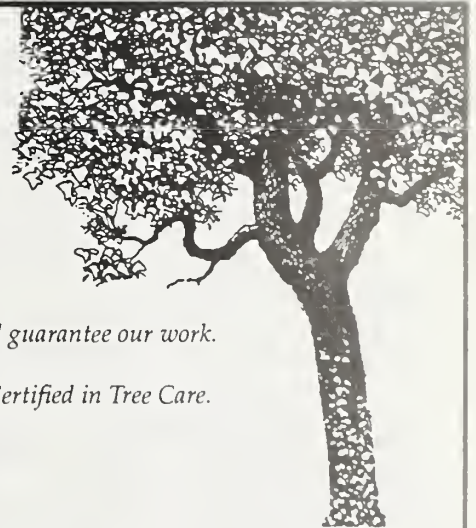
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December 24:	Fri.	8:50	9:16	2:05	2:52
December 25:	Sat.	9:42	10:10	2:57	3:43
December 26:	Sun.	10:35	11:04	3:51	4:34
December 27:	Mon.	11:30	...	4:47	5:27
December 28:	Tues.	12:01	12:26	5:47	6:23
December 29:	Wed.	12:59	1:23	6:57	7:24
December 30:	Thurs.	1:57	2:21	8:19	8:28
December 31:	Fri.	2:54	3:16	9:38	9:28
January 1:	Sat.	3:48	4:09	10:38	10:14
January 2:	Sun.	4:38	4:57	11:24	10:53
January 3:	Mon.	5:24	5:43	11:59	11:29
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January 8:	Sat.	8:50	9:12	1:50	2:29
January 9:	Sun.	9:30	9:53	2:27	3:03
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Holiday VACATION SCHEDULE

THURS	23	Holiday Skate Celebration! 6:30-8:30 PM \$3.00 Adm. Skates \$1.50 Inlines \$3.00	
FRI	24	CLOSED - SEASON GREETINGS!	
SAT	25	CLOSED - HAPPY HOLIDAYS!	
SUN	26	AFTERNOON SESSION 1:00-5:30 PM - \$5.00 Adm. 1-3:30/3:00-5:30PM - \$3.00 Adm. Skates \$1.50 Inlines \$3.00	FAMILY NIGHT 6:00-8:00 PM - \$5.00 for Family of Four - \$1.00 Add. Child - \$3.00 Ind. Skates \$1.50 Inlines \$3.00
MON	27	10:00AM - 12:00PM Character Skate \$3.00 Adm. SKATES \$1.50 IN LINES \$3.00 (No Coupons Accepted) AFTERNOON SESSION - 1:00-5:00 PM \$5.00 Adm. 1-3PM OR 3-5PM - \$3.00 Adm. Skates \$1.50 Inlines \$3.00	COUNTRY & WESTERN NIGHT 7:00-9:30 PM - \$3.00 Adm. Skates \$1.50 Inlines \$3.00
TUES	28	10:00AM - 12:00PM Character Skate \$3.00 Adm. SKATES \$1.50 IN LINES \$3.00 (No Coupons Accepted) AFTERNOON SESSION - 1:00-5:00 PM \$5.00 Adm. 1-3PM OR 3-5PM - \$3.00 Adm. Skates \$1.50 Inlines \$3.00	99¢ NIGHT 7:00-9:30 PM Admission Only 99¢ Skates \$1.50 Inlines \$3.00
WED	29	10:00AM - 12:00PM Character Skate \$3.00 Adm. SKATES \$1.50 IN LINES \$3.00 (No Coupons Accepted) AFTERNOON SESSION - 1:00-5:00 PM \$5.00 Adm. 1-3PM OR 3-5PM - \$3.00 Adm. Skates \$1.50 Inlines \$3.00	GOLDEN OLDIES NIGHT 6:30-8:30 PM \$3.00 Adm. Skates \$1.50 Inlines \$3.00
THURS	30	10:00AM - 12:00PM Character Skate \$3.00 Adm. SKATES \$1.50 IN LINES \$3.00 (No Coupons Accepted) AFTERNOON SESSION - 1:00-5:00 PM \$5.00 Adm. 1-3PM OR 3-5PM - \$3.00 Adm. Skates \$1.50 Inlines \$3.00	CLOSED IN EVENING TO PUBLIC PRIVATE RENTAL
FRI	31	10:00AM - 12:00PM Character Skate \$3.00 Adm. SKATES \$1.50 IN LINES \$3.00 (No Coupons Accepted) NEW YEARS EVE PARTY - 1:00-5:00PM \$5.00 1-3PM OR 3-5PM - \$3.00 Adm. Skates \$1.50 Inlines \$3.00	CLOSED EVENING Happy New Millennium! Welcome 2000

JANUARY

SAT	1	SKATE INTO THE MILLENNIUM 1:00-5:30 PM \$5.00 Adm. 1-3:30 PM or 3:00-5:30PM \$3.00 Adm. Skates \$1.50 Inlines \$3.00	EVENING SESSION 7:00-10:00 PM \$5.00 Adm. Skates \$1.50 Inlines \$3.00
SUN	2	AFTERNOON SESSION 1:00-5:30 PM \$5.00 Adm. 1-3:30PM or 3:00-5:30PM \$3.00 Adm. Skates \$1.50 Inlines \$3.00	FAMILY NIGHT 6:00-8:00 PM - \$5.00 for Family of Four - \$1.00 Add. Child - \$3.00 Ind. Skates \$1.50 Inlines \$3.00

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